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Tom,

Yes, we agree and will make the correction.

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David – one point to note re: the highlighted text from the attached draft paper: I understand that several months back EPA approved AR’s list which removed the Illinois River segments from the state’s 303(d) list and put them in Integrated Reporting category “4B” – impaired but no TMDL needed as other required requirements make a TMDL not necessary. So the highlighted text is not accurate. -- TomW

Background

The State of Oklahoma has designated six rivers as “Scenic,” including the Illinois River and two of its tributaries. Oklahoma’s water quality standards apply a rolling 30-day geometric mean phosphorous criterion of 0.037 mg/L to the Scenic Rivers., but levels are often found to be above the scenic river criterion at the Illinois River near the Arkansas-Oklahoma border. Oklahoma’s Lake Tenkiller and portions of the Illinois River Watershed in northwest Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma are included on both states’ Clean Water Act Section 303(d) lists of impaired waters.

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